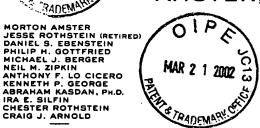


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Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified application in the names of Hendrik Sibolt van Damme, Hermanus Johannes Maria Kreuwel, Tim Kievits, Marinus Gerardus Johannus van Beuningen, and Pieter Jacob Boender, entitled DEVICE FOR PERFORMING AN ASSAY, A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAID DEVICE, AND USE OF A MEMBRANE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SAID DEVICE:

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